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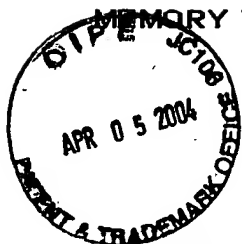
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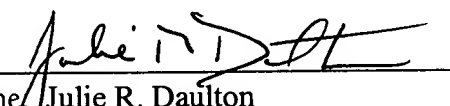
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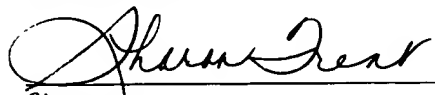
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REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

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Dear Sir:

Applicants received a Notice of Abandonment mailed October 10, 2003. The Notice of Abandonment stated that the formal drawings were not received.

This Notice of Abandonment was sent in error. In fact, Applicants did submit the formal drawings on July 22, 2003. The PTO received these documents on July 28, 2003. Attached as Exhibit A is a photocopy of the stamped postcard receipt that shows the PTO received the formal drawings and a copy of the 13 sheets of formal drawings as filed.

Applicants paid the issue fee on August 13, 2003. Applicants were surprised to have received the Notice of Abandonment mailed October 10, 2003. It is noted that the Notice of Abandonment stated that the contact person at the PTO was Tom Hawkins. Applicants attempted to resolve this issue by telephone and left messages for Tom Hawkins. At one point, Mr. Hawkins' message said to contact a "Lamont" at 703-305-5358. A message was left for Lamont but the phone call was not returned to Applicants. Eventually, Mr. Hawkins did reply to

the messages that were left with him. Mr. Hawkins spoke to the assistant to the undersigned and merely instructed us to follow the instructions that were attached to the Notice of Abandonment.

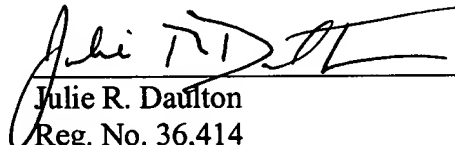
Applicants realize that a Petition Under Rule 1.181, if not filed within two months of the mail date of the Notice of Abandonment "may be dismissed as untimely." Applicants request that the PTO grant this Petition, even though it is outside of the two month mailing date of the Notice of Abandonment. Applicants, in fact, complied with the initial request to submit formal drawings. Applicants attempted to resolve this matter by telephone and was frustrated by the failure of the PTO to timely return phone calls. Applicants are only 19 days outside the two month date. For at least these reasons, Applicants request that this Petition be considered timely and be granted.

If the PTO would like to discuss this matter, the PTO is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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